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C O N F I D E N T I A L NDJAMENA 0748

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT CHADIAN/LIBYAN NEGOTIATIONS

REF: NDJAMENA 0732 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT MALLOUM AND QADHAFI ARE NOW SCHEDULED TO MEET IN SEBHA ON FEB. 23. HOPEFULLY, THIS MEETING WILL PAVE THE WAY FOR SOME SORT OF NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF CHAD'S PROBLEMS. HOWEVER, BASED ON PAST NEGOTIATING EFFORTS WITH LIBYANS, SUCH NEGOTIATIONS ARE OFTEN MERELY THE PRELUDE TO RENEWED HOSTILITIES. IN VIEW OF THIS AND THE DAMAGED STATE OF THE CHADIAN ARMY AT THE MOMENT, THE EMBASSY HAS WORKED OUT THE FOLLOWING PLAN FOR EVACUATION OF AMERICANS FROM CHAD IF NECESSARY. WISH TO STRESS THIS ONLY PLANNING; WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF INITIATING EVACUATION AT THIS TIME.

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1. POTENTIAL EVACUEES ARE GROUPED INTO THREE AREAS: (A) A FEW IN BOL AND MASAKORY NORTH OF NDJAMENA; (B) HEAVY CONCENTRATION AROUND NDJAMENA; AND (C) SVUQTERING THROUGH SOUTHWESTERN PART OF CHAD.

2. EVACUATION WOULD BE HANDLED AS FOLLOWS:
AFTER POSSIBLE NOTIFICATION BY RADIO (MISSIONARY

NET OR GENDARME NET) MOVEMENT WOULD BE CARRIED OUT: (A) BY CHARTERED SMALL PLANE FROM BOL TO NDJAMENA, AND BY ROAD FROM KASSAKORY TO NDJAMENA; (B) BY PLANE FROM NDJAMENA TO AMERON IF POSSIBLE (SEE NEXT PARA) OTHERWISE ACROSS THE RIVER INTO NORTHERN CAMEROON (THIS IS QUICKEST WAY TO SAFETY, AND THE RIVER IS SO LOW WE COULD TALK IT IF WE HAD TO, HOWEVER, LOGISTIC PROBLEM ONCE ACROSS RIVER WOULD BE SEVERE); AND (C) BY TWO VEHICLE CONVOYS UNDER DIRECTION OF EMBASSY OFFICERS WHICH WOULD BE DISPATCHED FROM NDJAMENA TO CLEAR SOUTHWEST (FIRST WOULD TRAVEL FROM NDJAMENA, TO BOUSSO, SAHR, KYABE, KOUMRA, MOISSALA, DOBA, MOUNDOU, BAIBOKOUM ENDING IN MAROUA OR GAROUA. SECOND WOULD TRAVEL FROM NDJAMENA TO BONGOR, LAI, KELO, FIANGA, PALA, LERE, ALSO ENDING IN MAROUA OR GAROUA). EVACUEES FROM VEHICLE COLUMNS WOULD PROCEED FROM MAROUTA OR GAROUA BY AIR.

3. FOR AIR EVACUATION OF NDJAMENA, AND POSSIBLY MAROUA OR GAROUA, A PLANE CHARTERED OUTSIDE THE U.S. OR A U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT WOULD BE NEEDED. (PLANNING FIGURES IN REFTTEL SHOULD BE INCREASED BY ABOUT 50 TO INCLUDE COMMON-WEALTH CITIZENS WHO WOULD PROBABLY WANT TO GO.) DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN MAKING SUCH TENTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

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4. LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR ALERTING AND PREPARING POTENTIAL EVACUEES ARE BEING MADE BY THE EMBASSY. BRADFORD

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